

35th World Skills Competition (Skill Olympics) Montreal, Canada, 1999

The World Skills Competition, known as the Skill Olympics, is held every two years in one of the member countries of the International Vocational Training Organisation (IVTO). Competitions in 40 occupational skills are open to contestants up to the age of 22.



The 35th Skill Olympics will take place in Montreal in November 1999. Over 600 young people from 32 countries will take part in the four-day competition, which is a world showcase of vocational skills. The UK SKILLS team is expected to number 31 competitors.

UK SKILLS is committed to supporting the development of world-class standards of vocational skills in the United Kingdom, its central contribution being to enter highly competitive teams for the World Skills Competition (Skill Olympics). This involves developing the part played by skills competitions in the United Kingdom and promoting as wide an understanding as possible of the key importance of vocational skills to national prosperity.



IVTO

IVTO's mission is to challenge young people, their teachers, trainers and employers to achieve world-class standards of competence in commerce, services and industry, and to promote the status of vocational training.

A considerable number of visitors are expected at the 1999 Skill Olympics. UK SKILLS has appointed *America as you like* it, a specialist in holidays to Canada, to make arrangements for British visitors, who should also inform UK SKILLS of their interest as soon as possible.

America as you like it can put together competitive packages for UK visitors which could include entry to the competition and to the opening and closing ceremonies.

As examples, a five-day package, including return flights from London on Air Canada, return transfers to the hotel, five nights' accommodation, five continental breakfasts, passes for the four days of the competition and all taxes, would cost £534 per person sharing a twin/double room in a three-star hotel and £579 for a four-star. Arrangements could be made to fly from Glasgow or Manchester via Toronto and for variations and excursions to suit individual requirements, including to Quebec, Montreal and Niagara Falls.

Official trades

- 1 Fitting
- 2 Press Tool Making
- 3 Instrument Making
- 4 Mechatronics*
- 5 Engineering Drawing and CAD*
- 6 CNC Turning
- 7 CNC Milling*
- 8 Construction Steel Work
- 9 Information Technology*
- 10 Welding
- 11 Patternmaking*
- 12 Wall & Floor Tiling*
- 13 Autobody Repair*
- 14 Sheet Metal Work
- 15 Plumbing*
- 16 Industrial Electronics*
- 17 Electronic Applications*
- 18 Commercial Wiring*
- 19 Industrial Wiring
- 20 Bricklaying*
- 21 Stonemasonry*
- 22 Painting & Decorating*
- 23 Plastering*
- 24 Cabinet Making*
- 25 Joinery*
- 26 Carpentry*
- 27 Jewellery*

- 28 Floristry*
- 29 Ladies' Hairdressing*
- 30 Mens' Hairdressing*
- 31 Ladies' Dressmaking
- 33 Automobile Technology*
- 34 Cookery*
- 35 Restaurant Service*
- 36 Car Painting*
- 38 Refrigeration Technology*

Demonstration trades

- 41 Graphic Design
- 42 Confectioner (Pastry Cook)*
- 43 Beauty Care*
- 44 Landscape Gardener
- 45 IT PC and Network Support*

* Denotes UK competitor

IVTO member countries

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| Australia | Finland |
| Austria | France |
| Belgium | Germany |
| Brazil | Hong Kong |
| Canada | Ireland |
| Denmark | Japan |
| | Korea |
| | Liechtenstein |
| | Luxembourg |
| | Macao |
| | Malaysia |
| | Morocco |
| | Netherlands |
| | New Zealand |
| | Norway |
| | Philippines |
| | Portugal |
| | Singapore |
| | South Africa |
| | South Tyrol, Italy |
| | Sweden |
| | Switzerland |
| | Taiwan |
| | Thailand |
| | Tunisia |
| | United Arab Emirates |
| | United Kingdom |
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IVTO: www.ivto.com

Programme events

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| 4-9 November | Arrival of experts, preparation of test projects, installation of machines and workshops, arrival of competitors. |
| 10 November | Opening ceremony |
| 11-14 November | Competition - open to the public |
| 15-16 November | Marking of competitors' work. |
| 17 November | Closing ceremony
Announcement of results
Presentation of medals |
| 18 November | All participants depart |

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